

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Re-Wire House of Happy Walls

**LOCATION:** Jack London State Historic Park

**COUNTY:** Sonoma

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

Re-wire the electrical system at historic House of Happy Walls, at Jack London State Historic Park. Work will supply sufficient breaker boxes, switchplates, and surface mounted wiring to bring the facility up to current electrical building code standards. All work and specific wiring tasks will be reviewed by the District Historian with the electrician on site before installation. This includes review of the selection, placement and attachments that may be required for either new or existing molding where it is required to encase the surface mounted wiring. Pull chains from existing lighting will be retained, and new switchplates to comply with ADA standards. No new circuits will be required since no additional current will be demanded. Testing for lead based paint or asbestos will be conducted prior to disturbance of potential hazardous areas.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Diablo Vista District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))  
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section: )  
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 31      Section: 15301, 15331

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consist of the maintenance, repair and minor alteration of an existing public structure involving no expansion of use beyond current levels and the maintenance of a historical structure in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer and is included as "activities affecting historic resources, consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR 15300.4..

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